

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Report for the month of OCTOBER, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th. June, 1946 was estimated to be 494,080 comprising 255,526 males and 238,554 females.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
			1946	1945	1946	1945
Marriages	...	No.	420	249	3,778	2,774
"	...	*Rate per 1,000 of Population	10.31	6.17	10.23	7.58
Births	...	No.	1,165	787	8,281	8,169
"	...	*Rate per 1,000 of Population	28.60	19.51	22.43	22.31
Deaths	...	No.	460	376	3,632	3,519
"	...	*Rate per 1,000 of Population	11.29	9.32	9.84	9.61
Infant Mortality	No.		44	31	281	241
" "	Rate per 1,000 Live Births		37.77	39.39	33.93	29.50
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			17	6	142	123
Cancer			44	41	411	427
Influenza			4	4	14	7
Diphtheria			1	2	10	15
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			37	26	299	334
Arteriosclerosis			20	11	127	132
Diseases of the Heart			129	127	1,002	985
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			40	23	249	199
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			1	3	24	37
Nephritis			17	19	129	145
Diseases of Early Infancy			27	18	147	136
Senility			9	8	94	111
Accidents			23	23	230	192
All Other Causes			91	65	754	676
TOTAL			460	376	3,632	3,519

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October totalled 255,473 acres, an increase of 72,841 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,411,016 acres, an increase of 35,049 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of OCTOBER		4 months ended OCTOBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,073,489	999,152	4,427,126	4,092,204
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.3.3d.	£2.0.8d.	£8.18.9d.	£8.6.10d.
Expenditure	1,213,448	1,174,375	4,786,191	4,653,641
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£2.8.11	£2.7.10	£9.13.3	£9.9.9.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st. October amounted to £37,683,075, or £75.17.11 per head of population, as against £33,951,885, or £69.2.8 per head as at the 31st. October last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 28th. October, 1946 amounted to £3,792,009, compared with £3,051,112 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Transfers	.. (No. £)	1,655 777,380	1,115 594,146	6,821 3,399,430	3,992 1,767,572
Mortgages	.. (No. £)	986 897,386	438 354,469	3,880 3,237,396	1,430 1,382,290
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	845	648	3,495	2,377

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
1945 -				
October	915,297	625,467	1,420,116	121,706
November	896,541	840,276	1,671,491	133,311
December	342,650	565,516	644,750	56,462
1946 -				
January	1,510,643	1,062,887	2,830,201	236,000
February	931,232	764,293	1,503,464	144,395
March	976,682	778,005	1,733,304	143,435
April	915,207	871,315	1,641,961	141,175
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,995,413	168,832
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333	158,664
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,818	142,235
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837
September	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

29 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £378,500, and 16 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended 31st. October, 1946. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 13 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £483,000 and 11 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Four Months ended OCTOBER					
	1946			1945		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	7	7,084	2,412	7	16,077	6,249
Deeds of Assignment (a)	3	6,366	4,612	1	2,025	230
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows:-

	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Gross Earnings £	326,900	312,700	1,010,100	961,500
Working Expenses £	345,056	312,987	1,079,093	962,901
Train Miles Run	524,975	478,500	1,699,595	1,500,459
Passenger Journeys	1,318,543	1,503,338	3,717,418	4,155,700
Tonnage Carried :-				
Paying Goods	170,790	189,467	571,411	585,951
Livestock	13,905	10,200	39,132	29,139
Departmental (Free Freight)	43,758	33,134	148,730	112,176
Total	228,453	232,801	759,273	727,266
Net Ton Mileage of :-				
Paying Goods	23,602,453	3,409,884	73,019,904	75,448,066
Livestock	1,767,098	1,220,050	5,197,117	3,252,180
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,703,835	4,509,121	24,138,708	16,057,793
Total	32,073,386	29,139,055	108,355,729	94,758,039

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
1946 -								
Jan.	8	13	-	27	8	24	-	35
Feb.	11	24	-	41	11	38	-	45
March	9	19	-	37	9	51	-	42
April	17	25	-	30	18	49	1	33
May	22	49	-	44	27	98	2	45
June	8	16	-	19	9	25	-	19
July	38	30	-	36	38	62	-	51
August	45	27	2	37	46	53	2	47
Sept.	61	27	2	35	75	69	3	45
Oct.	106	44	2	37	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
1946 -								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
July	18,534	*7,590	80	3,912	29,679	*26,077	144	5,944
August	19,029	*8,411	204	4,289	30,668	*28,279	270	6,565
Sept.	19,128	*8,504	235	4,353	30,900	28,820	302	6,747
Oct.	19,415	8,687	238	4,545	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available

* Revised

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1946 - October	88	392	5	3

TRADE.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - September, 1946 and 1945 and 3 Months ended September, 1946 and 1945 - expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)				
SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended September		SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended September.		
1946 (£1000)	1945 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1945 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1945 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1945 (£1000)	
Oversea	667	551	1,951	1,270	1,139	1,018	5,427	3,539
Interstate	1,911	1,456	5,132	3,913	365	1,031	950	2,131
Total	2,578	2,007	7,083	5,183	1,504	2,049	6,377	5,670

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
Oct., 1946	*263	*284,224	10	7,308	248	35,520	*521	*327,052
Oct., 1945	113	93,108	2	3,751	228	59,354	343	156,213
4 Months ended								
OCT., 1946	732	792,719	45	52,624	974	114,822	1,751	960,165
4 Months ended								
OCT., 1945	392	303,543	8	8,537	781	112,758	1,181	424,838

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 168 for a value of £181,545.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS. (15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
Oct., 1946	*35	*28,024	3	2,435	49	5,551	*87	*36,010
Oct., 1945	24	16,812	2	1,292	26	1,194	52	19,298
4 Months ended								
OCT., 1946	115	98,008	18	7,743	185	19,437	318	125,188
4 Months ended								
OCT., 1945	49	37,913	8	3,307	113	8,116	170	49,336

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 12 for a value of £12,142.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,799,564 lbs. were produced during September, and 4,423,648 lbs. for the three months ended September, 1946, as against 1,662,429 lbs. and 4,147,277 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Quantity	Fine Oz.	55,002	34,108	500,660	389,199
Value (Australian Currency) £		591,965	367,090	5,378,375	4,156,261

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the ten months ended October, 1946 amounted to £393,838, as against £337,854 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Food and Groceries :-				
Metropolitan Area	1053	1054	1056	1064
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1183	1185	1189	1195
Northam	1067	1061	1071	1073
Bunbury	1050	1035	1054	1047
Geraldton	1076	1079	1080	1087
Collie	1067	1065	1070	1073

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)				
	1942	1943	1944	1945(a)	1946(a)	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	116	128	137	142	146	1014	865	826	870	995
February	118	130	138	142	148	986	861	824	868	1016
March	118	132	139	144	152	962	846	825	877	1045
April	118	134	139	144	153	955	835	827	876	1051
May	119	131	140	144	155	927	836	832	891	1069
June	118	135	139	145	157	907	835	829	903	1087
July	117	136	140	145(a)	159	888	828	832	899	1096
August	119	136	140	144	160	882	814	832	897	1109
Sept.	120	137	140	141	161	877	806	834	914	1114
October	122	138	140	141		874	801	837	929	
November	123	136	141	144		873	814	851	965	
December	124	137	142	144		886	840	886	1012	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA. (Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	17,552	15,341	71,692	62,477
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	14,451	12,544	60,504	53,356

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
OCTOBER, 1946	5,001	452	167,829	13,681
OCTOBER, 1945	5,065	475	129,821	15,611
10 Months ended OCTOBER, 1946.	79,795	3,286	765,604	135,172
10 Months ended OCTOBER, 1945.	58,443	3,069	700,922	134,398